

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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DOCTOR-PATIENT/PATIENT-NURSE RATIO
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of doctor-patient and patient-nurse ratio in the country as compared to other developed and developing countries; and
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to increase the present ratios to International Standards?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b): The doctor-patient ratio and patient-nurse ratio varies from case to case depending upon various factors like the type of disease, nature of specialization, type of patient-care required viz., indoor/outdoor. As per Medical Council of India, the doctor-population ratio at present works out to approximately 1:1800. Apart from this, there are 6,81,124 registered medical practitioners of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy and there are, therefore, sufficient number of doctors to take care of health care services. Relative data in regard to the doctor-patient and patient-nurse ratio etc compared to other developed and developing countries is not maintained by this Ministry.